THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. NREGA is demand driven and not allocation based programme. The Act was launched in 200 identified districts on 2.2.2006. For implementation of the Act in these 200 districts Rs.229256.70 were released out of the allocations made for National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) for the year 2005-06.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Funds are released to the districts, keeping in view the demand for work. The Panchayats at district, intermediate and village levels are the principal authorities for implementation of the scheme. In terms of Section 16(5) of the Act at least 50% of the works in terms of costs are to be implemented through the Gram Panchayats.

National Centre for Excellence for Flourosis Mitigation, Gandhinagar

1811. SHRI KESHUBHAI S.PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given in principle approval for setting up the National Centre for Excellence for Flourosis Mitigation at Gandhinagar; and

(b) if so, the present status of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Government has accorded approval for setting up of Regional Fluorosis Mitigation Centre at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The State Government of Gujarat has decided to upgrade the existing Gujarat Jal Seva Training Institute for this purpose. The Government of India in this regard has asked a detailed proposal from the State Government.

Land reforms in the country

1812. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land reform process was incomplete in all States in the country;

(b) if so, the States where land reforms completed fully as on date;

(c) the details of such reforms, State-wise;

(d) the States where land reforms are partially completed;

(e) the reasons therefor;

(f) the steps being taken by Government to complete the land reforms in each State;

(g) whether Government had set any time-frame to complete these reforms; and